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SUBJ: DUBLIN MEETING ON VIET-NAM

1. WE HAVE HEARD BOTH FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTS AND FROM COLLEAGUES IN OTHER EMBASSIES THAT THERE WAS A MEETING AT FONOFF LAST FRIDAY AT THE EC-NINE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR NOEL DORR CHAIRED MEETING, WHICH REVIEWED THE VIET-NAM SITUATION AGAIN IN THE LIGHT OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, CONSIDERING BOTH THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EC PEACE DEMARCHE. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT IS THE FACT THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY "HELD THE FLOOR" FOR MUCH OF
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THAT PART OF THE DISCUSSION THAT CONCERNED POLITICAL MOVES. HE

TOLD THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS OF CONTACTS IN PARIS WITH ALL THE PARTIES TO THE PRESENT VIET-NAM SITUATION. THE FRENCH REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THEY HAD BEEN KEEPING THE UNITED STATES "WELL INFORMED" OF THEIR ACTIONS AND OPINIONS. FRENCH APPARENTLY GAVE THEIR EC COLLEAGUES THE IMPRESSION THAT PARIS IS IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL AND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO OVERWHELMING OBJECTIONS.

2. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS TOLD US THAT THE OTHER EIGHT FELT ESTOPPED FROM PURSUING THE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL STEPS (SUCH AS DEMARCHES) BECAUSE OF THE FRENCH CLAIM.

3. PARTICIPANTS ALSO REVIEWED THE PROBLEM OF HUMANITARIAN AID WITH INTEREST AND APPARENTLY FELT THAT ADDITIONAL INFO IS NEEDED. IRISH ARE CONSIDERING APPROACH TO AMB BROWN ON BEHALF OF EC (SEE DUBLIN 754). WE WOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO BE GLAD TO PASS ON ANY AVAILABLE DETAILS THROUGH US/EC CHANNEL.RENDAHL

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